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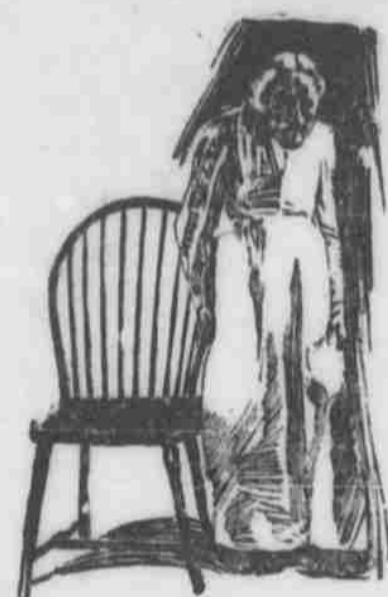
Once I was down by Eagle creek, and I was looking for a bone which I had hid. When suddenly I saw my master's kid fall off the bridge that's there; I heard him cry. And I plunged in the creek and grabbed him by the collar and swam to the shore, and when I saw how weak and sick he was I ran off toward a house and barked until some men went back and saw him; then I heard one man say I was just a mongrel cur, but he had fifty dollars he would give for me.

I can't begin to tell how that swim had tuckered me all out, and so I found a cool place by the bridge, and then a sound fell on my ears—a sound as faint and dim as if a leaf had fluttered on a limb; but listening again I heard a whine, and on that bridge in an old flour sack with a big chunk of iron tied with twine I found my pup! Aye, found the blessed pup! And to this day, though I've searched everywhere, I've never found how those four pups got there.

—Indianapolis Sun.

Woman 133 Years Old.

Mary McDonald of Philadelphia, who has the reputation of being 133 years old, has smoked tobacco for 121 years. She smokes three pipes a day. A strange thing about the old woman is that she illustrates the fact that people of extreme old age grow smaller and smaller. She is now about the size of an eight-year-old child, while she was formerly of average figure.



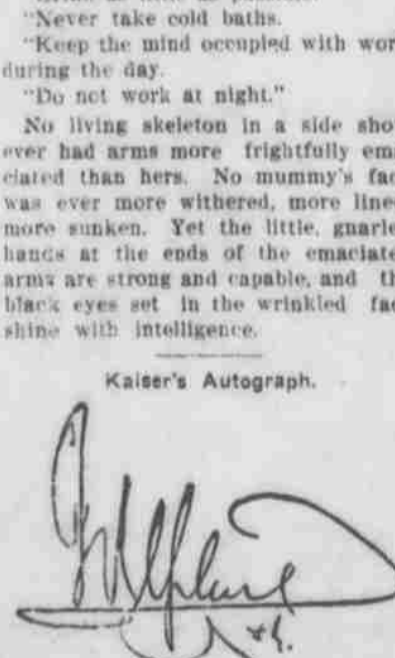
Mary McDonald.

Mrs. McDonald is an inmate of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons. About her great age there is no doubt, for this matter has been investigated by a committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution. To students of history the old woman is a mine of information. She remembers the colonial period as though it had been yesterday. To students of longevity she is no less valuable a mine, for she has thought much on hygiene, and has drawn up a series of "Rules of Right Living."

These are Mrs. McDonald's rules: "Smoke after each meal and before going to bed. "Marry young. "Rise with the sun, winter and summer, but always retire early enough to have had, by sunrise, eight full hours of sleep. "Drink as little as possible. "Never take cold baths. "Keep the mind occupied with work during the day. "Do not work at night."

No living skeleton in a side show ever had arms more frightfully emaciated than hers. No mummy's face was ever more withered, more lined, more sunken. Yet the little, gnarled hands at the ends of the emaciated arms are strong and capable, and the black eyes set in the wrinkled face shine with intelligence.

Kaiser's Autograph.



Signature of Emperor William I.

Gold and Silver Beetles.

The most remarkable gold beetles in the world are found in Central America. The head and wing-cases are brilliantly polished with a luster as of gold itself. To sight and touch they have all the appearance of that metal. Oddly enough, another species from the same region looks like solid silver, freshly burnished. These gold and silver beetles have a market value. They are worth from \$25 to \$50 each.

The Boss Girl of Kansas.

The Oxford (Kan.) Register says that Gene Showalter of that town is the typical Kansas girl. Although but sixteen years old, she taught the biggest school in the country during the past school year. After school closed she went home and helped her father plow for oats. Then she made a lot of clothes for herself. Now she is taking a little vacation in the form of a term at a teachers' summer school.

Street Cleaners of Paris.

The street cleaners of Paris form a little army. They number altogether 3,330. They are divided into brigades, under the command of forty-four superintendents and 159 foremen. Five hundred sweeping machines are used, and these, with the water carts, find employment for 1,600 horses. The cost of the service works out at about twelve cents a square yard per annum.

Putting Comfort Before Style.

It may be a more swell event when waiters from a hotel or club are engaged to pass the refreshments at a party, but we prefer a party where the hostess or a neighbor girl urges, "Do have some more." The hired waiter can't get that personal note of appeal in his voice if he wears a dress suit and costs \$2 for the evening.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

Made Matters Worse.

A lady, in passing up a church aisle caught her dress on a corner of a pew and tore it. As the process of tearing was very audible to the congregation, the feelings of the lady may be imagined when, at the moment, the clergyman began the service by reading the sentence: "Render your hearts and not your garments."

Victoria's Premier an Irishman.

William Hill Irvine, premier of Victoria, who has just introduced an unprecedentedly drastic piece of anti-strike legislation, is a native of Newry, the smallest of the Irish parliamentary boroughs, where his uncle, John Mitchell, one of the leaders of the '48 rebellion in Ireland, practiced as an attorney.

Regains His Sight.

John Miller, colored, of Uniontown, Pa., became blind in his right eye many months ago and recently one of the family threw a potato which destroyed the sight in his left eye. His physicians believed him entirely blind, but the sight gradually returned to the right eye.

"Waterclad" Warship.

The Russians are experimenting with a "waterclad" battleship, which has an upper deck of cork and a second deck of armor. The space between the two can be filled with water; then the ship floats a foot under the sea's surface.

Bird Slaughter Extraordinary.

A Berlin firm has sent to Moscow an order for the immediate supply of 80,000 magpies, which will be shot to provide trimmings for ladies' hats. Agriculturists deplore this wholesale slaughter of "birds which feed largely on noxious insects."

Madagascar Missionaries.

Madagascar and the islands of Africa have an area of 231,584 square miles, with a population of 4,308,962, with 284 foreign missionaries. In 1882 there were 1,300 churches and 1,200 scholars under a Christian queen.

World's Births and Deaths.

The death rate of the globe is estimated at sixty-eight a minute, 97,920 a day, or 35,740,800 a year. The birth rate is seventy a minute, 100,800 a day, or 36,972,000 a year, reckoning the year to be 365 days in length.

Photograph Suspects.

Suspected persons, as they stand at the paying teller's window in the Bank of France, are instantaneously photographed. A camera is always in position, and is operated upon a signal from the teller.

Cost of Railways.

The cost of railways has been calculated at about \$3 per inch and \$195,000 every mile. It is said that British railways are three times as costly as those of America.

Chinese Are Heat Proof.

Chinese firemen seem to be immune to the fierce heat of the fire room on ocean steamers, and stand up to temperature that would prostrate white men.

Book on Wireless Telegraphy.

Wireless telegraphy has already been made the subject of a book of 525 pages, with 259 woodcuts, by two Italians named Rigbi and Dessau.

Limitations of Science.

Every action of human free will is a miracle to physical and chemical and mathematical science, says Lord Kelvin in the London Times.

Many Butterfly Farms.

Up to within a year or two a butterfly farm established at Eastbourne, England, by William Watkins, an entomologist, was the only one of its kind. To-day, however, there exist several such farms in France. There butterflies are reared in the interest of the silkworm industry, and also rare specimens are grown to be sold at high prices to museums of natural history in all parts of the world.

Fencing the Ideal Exercise.

Ernest Legouve, who recently celebrated his ninety-seventh birthday, was asked to what he attributed his long life and good health. "No cares, no ennui, no sorrows—that's one reason of my good health," he replied. "But that is not enough. The body must be kept elastic and for this reason we must walk, play billiards and, above all, fence. For me fencing is the ideal exercise."

World's Largest Advertisement.

In the matter of size, Americans claim that they possess the biggest advertisement in the world in a placard devoted to a certain smoking tobacco painted on the side of the Grand canyon on the line of the Denver & Rio Grande railway. The precipice is 200 feet high, and the advertisement covers a space 150 feet long by thirty feet wide.

New York Arrests.

The total number of arrests by the New York police during last year was 145,936, an increase of 12,187 over the year 1901. The Tenderloin surpassed all other precincts, with a total of 7,404; 3,335 were charged with intoxication, while 27,335 people were accused of disorderly conduct and 9,230 of assault and battery.

Crooked Railway.

The crookedest railway in the world is one from Boswell to Friedens, Pa., the air line distance being five miles. The road doubles on itself four times and at one point, after making a loop of about five miles, the road comes back to within 300 feet of itself on a grade fifty feet lower.

Advice to the Foolish.

An ordinary gilt frame for a picture 15x18 inches will cost you \$12 if you have it made to order. That is regarded as cheap. You can buy the same frame, ready made with a picture in it for \$3.50. Throw the picture away and insert your own canvas.—New York Press.

To Make the Desert Bloom.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson after visiting the drainage farm of Salt Lake City, declared that he expects in the near future to see grain and fruits growing on all the tract of land between Salt Lake and Saltair by ridding the soil of its alkali.

Longest Strike.

The longest strike on record is not yet ended. The 2,800 men and boys employed in Lord Penrhyn's slate quarries, in Wales, went out two and a half years ago, and the settlement of the strike is now a question in British party politics.

The Most Profitable Crop.

The human hair is absolutely the most profitable crop that grows. Five tons of it are annually imported by the merchants of London. The Parisians harvest upwards of 200,000 pounds, equal in value to \$400,000 per annum.

Ready for Season's Business.

Richard A. Canfield, richest gambler in the United States, after returning from England to New York to answer a charge of keeping a gambling house, is preparing to open his gambling rooms at Saratoga for the season.

Negro Voters.

There are 39,000 negro voters in New York, 21,000 in New Jersey, 3,000 in Rhode Island, 8,000 in Delaware, 60,000 in Maryland, 15,000 in West Virginia, 18,000 in Indiana and 14,000 in Kansas.

Rich Rewards.

Who says there is no longer a reward for valor? A New Jersey boy rescued two maidens from drowning and got a kiss for his trouble. We hope it was worth it.

Cyclones.

The word cyclone dates from the year 1848. Until nearly the middle of the nineteenth century the circular shape of hurricanes was not even suspected.

Finest Indian Baskets.

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Pine's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'BRIEN, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1903.

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